



951.02 RULES AND REGULATIONS

The following rules and regulations are ordained and established for the conduct of the parks of the City and the use thereof by residents and guests. Based on the size and location of signage, these rules and regulations may be posted in an abbreviated format at park entrances and made available to the public in full through online resources:

- (A) **Park Hours:** Unless otherwise expressly authorized by the City, Parks open at 8:00AM and close at 10:00PM daily, unless otherwise noted.
- (B) **Natural Resources**
 - (1) No person shall injure, deface, remove or destroy any tree, flower, shrub or other natural feature in the parks.
 - (2) No person shall disrupt the good order of the park, natural environment, and enjoyment of other visitors. Visitors shall at all times be mindful to weather conditions, the impact of visitors on wildlife, and other factors affecting the parks.
 - (3) **Climbing Trees, Buildings:** Climbing any tree or walking, standing or sitting upon buildings, fountains, walls, fences or copings is prohibited.
 - (4) Smoking of tobacco or other plants is prohibited citywide on city property.
 - (5) Sledding and other winter sports activities shall be permitted only in designated areas and shall be conducted using proper equipment and in a safe manner. Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing shall be permitted on any park trail, except that the Director may prohibit cross-country skiing on specified trails.
 - (6) Use of hammocks is restricted to using padded tree straps and not using the hammock as a swing.
- (C) **Refuse; Trash:** Refuse or other waste materials shall be deposited in proper receptacles for such purposes. Recyclable materials such as glass or plastic bottles shall be placed in recycling containers located within the parks. No person shall dispose of rubbish, ashes, leaves, cans, bottles, wire, paper, cartons, boxes, oil, glass or anything else of an unsightly or unsanitary nature upon park grounds.
- (D) **Disorderly Conduct**
 - (1) No person shall indulge in any noisy, boisterous, disorderly or indecent conduct, use threatening or abusive, insulting or indecent language, or in any manner disturb the peace or good order of the people within the parks.
 - (2) Persons shall not operate vehicles within parks in a reckless manner or without due regard for the safety of others so as to endanger the life, limb, or property of any persons in the lawful use of the parks.
 - (3) Persons shall not operate vehicles within the park in a manner to cause unusual or excessive noise, smoke, or marking of pavement.
 - (4) Any person violating the rules and regulations who is directed by authorized City personnel to leave a park shall do so promptly and peaceably.



- (E) Alcohol: In the absence of a lease of the Wyman Shelter that expressly includes the authorization to consume alcohol during the lease period, no person shall take into or upon any park any alcoholic beverages, narcotic drugs or opiates. No person under the influence of alcohol, narcotic drugs or opiates shall be allowed to enter or remain within any of the parks.
- (F) Property Damage: Adults shall not use for exercise any soft surfaces located in play areas or playground equipment intended to be used by children. No person shall deface or destroy any park building, play equipment or other facility. Writing, painting, or defacing walls in rest rooms, buildings, fences and other park property is not permitted.
- (G) Destroying or Defacing Official Notices: No person shall deface or destroy any notice of the rules and regulations for the government of the parks, which shall have been posted or permanently fixed by order or permission of the Parks and Recreation Director.
- (H) Commercial Use of Parks and Parks Scheduling
 - (1) The parks shall be used primarily to schedule City-sponsored events for residents and non-residents, for programming in partnership with the Grandview Heights City School District, and for use by residents and visitors.
 - (2) Certain parks facilities may be available for rental, subject to the Parks and Recreation Department's needs and subject to rental terms and conditions as stated in the use lease or rental agreements.
 - (3) No person or entity shall engage in outdoor fee-based activity offered or sponsored by parties other than the City, including but not limited to personal training, health and wellness services, boot-camp style programs, or other team or sports-specific training, within parks or city property, without the express written consent of the Parks and Recreation Director or first entering into an instructional agreement with the Parks and Recreation Department to conduct such programs.
 - (4) Persons or entities granted authorization to conduct such activities shall remit a fee equal to _____ % of the program's total earnings to the City, shall conduct such programs only at a designated facility and time authorized by the Director, shall sign a special event license agreement with the City, and shall carry insurance as required by the special event license agreement.
- (I) Residency Requirement: City residents shall have priority on the use of the parks.
- (J) Speed Limit: No person shall drive upon any park road at a rate of speed exceeding ten (10) miles per hour or the posted speed limit.
- (K) Parked Vehicles: No person shall park or store any motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, bicycle or wagon on park property overnight without the express written authorization of the Director of Parks and Recreation or in designated areas.
- (L) Motor Vehicle Repair and Cleaning: No person shall clean, wash or repair any vehicle in or upon any park.
- (M) Distribution of Literature: No person may distribute, advertise, or display any banner, emblem or design within the parks without the express written authorization of the Parks and Recreation Director. In no instance shall any sign authorized to be displayed remain on display longer than the sports season that the sign promotes.



- (N) Admissions and Soliciting: No person shall sell or offer for sale within the parks any article, thing, privilege or service, or solicit or charge admission or sell tickets for any event taking place in the parks, without the express written authorization of the Parks and Recreation Director.
- (O) Parking and Driving: All motor vehicles must be parked and driven in designated areas, except Parks and Recreation Department vehicles and emergency equipment.
- (P) Animals
 - (1) No person shall bring into the park any animals, except into designated areas where domestic dogs or cats are authorized. Areas designated as pet-friendly are marked accordingly. Pets in authorized areas shall at all times be controlled on a leash not more than six (6) feet long. The Director may designate areas in any park where domestic dogs may be permitted off leash, provided that the dog is under verbal control at all times. Pet owners shall clean up any waste generated by their pet(s) in the park and shall properly dispose of the waste by removing it from the park or disposing of it in sealed bags placed in designated waste receptacles. Service animals are permitted in public areas, in accordance with applicable disabilities laws.
 - (2) Hunting, pursuing, trapping or endangering any wild bird or animal within the parks is prohibited. (ORD. 8-76. Passed 5/3/76.)
 - (3) No person other than park personnel engaged in official duties may feed any wild bird or other animal found within the confines of a park.
- (Q) Firearms
 - (1) Except as authorized by the Constitution of the State of Ohio or the Ohio Revised Code, no person except duly authorized law enforcement personnel may possess or carry firearms, as defined by the Ohio Revised Code Section 2923.11, within City parks or school safety zones. When approached by a law enforcement officer for a law enforcement purpose, a person shall promptly notify the officer if said person is in possession of a firearm and shall cooperate in all instructions issued by the law enforcement officer.
 - (2) No person except duly authorized law enforcement officers shall carry, possess, discharge or otherwise use any dangerous weapon, explosive substance, firework, air or gas gun, BB gun, bow, crossbow, other missile throwing device, switchblade or hunting knife, dagger, metal knuckles, slingshot, boomerang, rifle, or other dangerous weapon within the park, except that dangerous weapons may be permitted for the purpose of educational, recreational, or cultural programs through the issuance of a special permit by the Parks and Recreation Director.
 - (3) Archery bows may only be used by permit in areas designated by the Parks and Recreation Director. (ORD. 2019-31. Passed 12/18/19.)
- (R) Ball Games: Organized ball games (baseball, softball, football, soccer) are permitted only in areas designated for such purposes by the Parks and Recreation Director.



- (S) Active-Play Areas and Courts: Active-play areas and courts, including but not limited to tennis courts, handball and basketball courts, shall be reserved for designated time periods in accordance with the type of sport, through the City's online reservation system, with first priority to Grandview Heights residents and their guests. Persons using active-play areas and courts shall not wear hard sole shoes on such surfaces.
- (T) Golf: Golfing is permitted only in areas designated by the Parks and Recreation Director, and only with plastic or knit golf balls.
- (U) Equipment Loan or Rental: Each person loaning or renting equipment from the Parks and Recreation Department shall be required to leave a deposit or a driver's license, and shall remain personally liable to pay for damages or destruction of same. Equipment available for rental shall include a limited number of six-foot tables and chairs. Street barricades made available for block parties in connection with a block party permit shall be returned within 48 hours of event completion.
- (V) Model Airplanes, Recreational Drones, and Remote-Control Devices: No person shall operate, or permit to be operated, any engine-driven model airplane, recreational drone, or remote-control device within the park without the express written authorization of the Parks and Recreation Director.
- (W) Barbeques; Park Stoves: Cooking of food is permitted using park grills or personal grills in areas near park grills, using only charcoal in grills. Gasoline, propane, and other portable burner stoves are not permitted in the parks unless approved for special activities by the Parks and Recreation Director. All persons shall be responsible for properly extinguishing charcoals following use. Charcoal from personal grills may not be disposed of in City waste receptacles.
- (X) Camps and Campfires
 - (1) Persons shall not establish or maintain any camp or other temporary lodging or sleeping place within the parks, unless doing so as part of an authorized Parks and Recreation Department program or by authorization of a permit issued by the Parks and Recreation Department.
 - (2) Campfires are prohibited unless permits are issued by the Parks and Recreation Director.
- (aa) Water Pollution: No person shall throw, deposit, or empty into any park creek or pond, or cause or permit the same to be done, any kind of chemical, foul, offensive, poisonous or unhealthy matter, substance or thing, or any dead animal or carcass, or any other matter or substance.
- (bb) Use of No-Fee Facilities: Picnic shelters and tables in non-reserve areas are available on a first come, first serve basis and shall be occupied at all times by at least one (1) member of a party. Any materials, supplies, and decorations left unattended shall be removed by parks personnel.
- (cc) Facilities Reservations and Event Permits: Reservations for the use of any park and/or recreation facility, building or picnic grounds for groups of over twenty (20) people must be approved by the Parks and Recreation Director. Reservations shall be issued to adults only, and shall require the requisite deposit or rental fee for use. Adult supervision of children's groups is required at all times. All use of the Wyman Woods Shelter and



McKinley Shelter House will be by special permit, available online or through the Parks and Recreation Department.

(dd) Restricted Areas

- (1) No person shall enter any building, enclosure or area within a park that is marked with a “No Admittance” sign, placard, or otherwise without the consent of the Parks and Recreation Director or other officer of the Parks.
- (2) The Director may restrict visitor access to areas or the entirety of a park when it is determined that topography, natural or geological qualities, or other features constitute a hazard to visitors, or is restricted for maintenance purposes.
- (3) Persons shall be permitted to use only dedicated walkways, trails, and general use areas.
- (4) No person shall be permitted outside of designated areas except park staff, emergency personnel, and law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties or with a special permit issued by the executive director, or as part of a parks program.

- (ee) The Mayor may waive the requirement of any of the rules and regulations contained herein for special events or occasions, and may alter the rules for use of specific facilities by directive. (ORD. 8-76. Passed 5/3/76.)

951.99 PENALTY

Whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree. Each day on which a violation occurs or continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

In addition to applicable fines and penalties, violators shall be liable for the cost of repairing or replacing any damage to park property.